

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
June 9, 2015**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:34 P.M.

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Health was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both the Chatham Courier and the Morris County Daily Record on January 15, 2014; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 15, 2014; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 15, 2014.

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Swartz, Mrs. Plantemoli, Mrs. Babbitt and Mr. Nachtigal. Mrs. Taormina, Mr. Samara and Ms. Robinson were also present. Dr. Downey and Mrs. Gulla were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that the schools were inspected, as were several retail food establishments. He also noted that Brasa Grille has closed, and Marie’s Deli will be opening a new restaurant in that location. All pool inspections were also performed. Soil logs were performed at 333 Green Village Road, and regular monitoring of the dumpster area at Hickory Square Mall was conducted. Mrs. Swartz asked about the health inspection at Ace Hardware, and Mr. Samara said that they sell prepackaged snack foods.

Health Educator

Samantha Robinson, the new Health Educator in the Madison Health Department, attended the meeting to introduce herself. She reported that she has been working with MACC and the new Chatham-Madison coalition. Mrs. Robinson is also working on a sun safety initiative for the pools. The Healthy Bones program is continuing, and Mrs. Robinson will be introducing a new program for seniors called A Matter of Balance.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in May 2015:

5 Marriage Licenses	\$140
9 Death Certificates	\$ 60
4 Marriage Certificates	<u>\$ 30</u>
Total	\$230

Mr. LaConte also noted that year-to-date income is \$606, of which \$300 is the State’s share of marriage license fees.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the reports. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Pending Septic Applications

Block 144, Lot 150 - 446 Green Village Road

Both the property owner, Ron Gunn, and the design engineer, Rob Cunningham, were present to answer any questions.

Mr. Samara said that he witnessed the soil logs. Mr. Cunningham said that the soil log information is contained within the application.

Mr. Nachtigal asked about the size of the proposed house. Mr. Gunn said that it would be a 1600 sq. ft., 4-bedroom, two-story house in the same footprint as the existing house. Mr. Nachtigal asked if the house will be elevated. Mr. Cunningham said that due to the age of the house, the state considers it to be legally-existing fill, so the new house can be on a slab on grade.

Mr. Cunningham described how the old system was constructed in such a way that once new regulations were adopted in 2012, the system was legally deemed malfunctioning. He also offered his opinion that the proposed system is the best type of system that can be designed for this property.

Mr. Nachtigal read into the record the review letter from Hatch Mott MacDonald stating that they take no exception to the approval of the application.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the application. Mrs. Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Swartz, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Aye; Dr. Downey, Absent; Mrs. Babbitt, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye.

Block 48.17, Lot 131 – 333 Green Village Road

Mr. LaConte noted that the review letter from Hatch Mott MacDonald was received on June 8th, and copies were distributed to the Board.

Design engineer Mark Patalive from Schommer Engineering was present to answer any questions. Mr. Patalive said that the property is impacted by swampy land on two sides. The existing septic system is malfunctioning. Mr. Patalive proceeded to review the proposed system design with the Board. The property is currently unoccupied, and the interior of the home is to be renovated without adding any bedrooms. Mr. Patalive also said that the proposed design is more in line with the regulations than the current malfunctioning system. The house has three bedrooms. A GP25 permit will be sought from the DEP. Mr. LaConte said that he would provide Mr. Patalive with the requisite support letter for the GP25 application.

Mr. Nachtigal read into the record the review letter from Hatch Mott MacDonald for this application.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the application, contingent upon the applicants complying with the conditions set forth in the memorandum from Hatch Mott MacDonald and the acquisition of a GP25 Permit from the NJDEP. Mrs. Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Swartz, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Aye; Dr. Downey, Absent; Mrs. Babbitt, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye.

Discussion

Vaccination Legislation

The Board discussed a proposed resolution voicing support for pending legislation that would tighten regulations for mandatory vaccinations. The controls on religious exemptions in the pending legislation have been loosened in the current draft. Ms. Taormina said that many people still avoid vaccinations because of the belief that they can cause autism. The Board discussed the importance of vaccinations and the reasons why some people seek exemptions. The draft resolution was reviewed, and would need to be updated before it could be voted upon. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

Generators and Noise Control

Mr. Nachtigal reported that he attended a meeting of the New Jersey Noise Control Council regarding noise ordinances as they relate to emergency generators. Representatives from some

major generator manufacturers were also present at the meeting. A representative from Generac noted that standards for testing generators has been reduced to requiring test-mode only once a month. Mr. Nachtigal said that the Township Administrator and Construction Official should be informed that municipalities can enact regulations for residential generators, while the State enforces generators for commercial properties. Mr. Nachtigal also noted that non-emergency residential generators fall under the auspices of local noise ordinances. He also said that the State's model ordinance has the same standard as the Township's noise ordinance for decibels, and adopting the model ordinance would only change the allowed times for operation. One issue that was raised is who would enforce noise regulations during a power outage emergency like in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Nachtigal also noted that there has been an increase in cases of carbon monoxide poisoning as people have put gas generators in basements.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public.
Seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Babbitt moved to adjourn at 9:01 PM. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary